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*Report from Kobe—Plague at Osaka spreading.*

KOBE, JAPAN, December 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that no case of plague has occurred in Kobe or Hiogo for the last thirty-seven days. The plague in Osaka shows a tendency to spread. It has extended to the neighboring ken, Wakayama Ken, the province that does an extensive shipment in oranges. I have, therefore, prohibited any shipment of oranges, etc., to be made to the United States from that ken.

Preventive measures have been extended by the authorities to all that district,

Respectfully,

J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, December 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended December 14, 1900:

From yellow fever there were 3 cases and 1 death; from smallpox there was neither a death nor a case. There were 14 deaths from tuberculosis, 4 from pernicious fever, and 37 from all causes.

During the week bills of health were issued to 10 vessels and health certificates to 78 of the 142 passengers that left this port.

The health of the shipping continues good, and the atmospheric and sanitary condition of the town have been much improved by the recent cool weather.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Cessation of plague and smallpox.*

MANILA, P. I., November 20, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the week ended November 17 has been free from plague and smallpox, and that no case of the former disease has been reported in Manila since the 1st instant. However, rats dead from plague are still found, and the indications are that several centers of infection exist, and the absence of cases is only temporary. The total number of deaths from all causes during this period was 196.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*